Censor Board for TV serials

†4526. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed Government in March that time had come to have a certification for serials before being aired;

(b) if so, whether the main reasons given by the Supreme Court was that the increasing popularity of small screen serials slipping into Indian homes, without any certification, is a serious concern; and

(c) if so, whether Government have accepted the suggestion for a Censor Board for TV serials?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) No such directives in respect of tele-serials, have been received by the Government in March, 2007.

Early Warning Broadcast System

4527. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has developed Early Warning Broadcast System during National disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to develop EWS in Indian Broadcast system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the Emergency Warning Broadcast System (EWBS) has been in operation in Japan since 1985, in which emergency messages are transmitted on

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all transmitters (public/private, digital/analogue) during natural disasters for (i) relaying life-saving information on the preventive measures and (ii) the rescue measures undertaken. EWS ready Radio and TV receivers can receive alarm signal and emergency broadcast signal even in sleep mode.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati have informed that Research Department of AIR &DD have initiated a study of EWB System suitable for Indian environment. Limited experimental transmissions have also been carried out on Medium Wave and FM transmitters in Delhi. Prasar Bharti has large transmitting infrastructure. This can be selectively used to convey emergency messages to public concerned about natural disasters after incorporation on the EWBS. However, manufacturers will have to provide EWBS ready TV and Ready receivers.

Re-imbursement of expenses to State Governments on the ESI services

4528. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the State-Governments on the ESI Services;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ESIC on the reimbursement of expenses incurred over the prescribed ceiling to State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The expenditure incurred by the State Government on provision of medical care services is reimbursed to the State Governments by ESI Corporation on the basis of prescribed ceiling of Rs. 1000/- per Insured Person family unit per annum. ESI Corporation in its meeting held on 23.12.2006 approved the enhancement of ceiling on medical care from Rs. 900/- per Insured Person family unit per annum to Rs. 1000/- per Insured Person family unit per annum with effect from 01.04.2007. In addition to Rs. 1000/-, the ESI Corporation has also decided to give an incentive of Rs. 50/- per Insured